(*b*) if so, what action has so far been taken on it; and

(*c*) if action has been taken, what is the stage at which the enquiry stands?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The matter is under examination."

Bridge over Kadiangad river, North Malabar.

* 567 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the public of Perambra and its surrounding villages in North Malabar to construct a bridge over Kadiangad river on Kuttiady-Perambra road; and

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Alleged lathi charge by police at Virudunagar on 14th March 1953.

* 568 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether there was a lathi charge on the people by the police on 14th March 1953 at Virudunagar in connexion with Meenambikai Motor Strike; if so, what were the reasons for the lathi charge?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The strikers and their friends were physically obstructing those who were taking out buses. They were duly warned not to indulge in such illegal obstruction. They dispersed when they saw that the police were ready for action. There was no lathi charge."

Exploitation of the iron ore in Salem district.

* 569 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether there is any proposal at present before the Government to exploit the iron ore in Salem district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. The economic feasibility of setting up an iron and steel plant utilizing Salem iron ores and lignite deposits of South Arcot district is under the consideration of the Government."

Supply of power from Machkund Project.

* 570 *Q.*—SRI G. LATCHANNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount of energy that will be generated in Machkund and how much of its power will be distributed in the first stage and to which parts; and